

# Hawai'i Launches Vaccine Passport for State's Inter-Island Travelers

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Hawai'i is one step closer to testing- and quarantine-free travel.

## The new program could be expanded to mainland travelers sometime this summer.

Hawai'i took its Safe Travels program to the next level on Tuesday, allowing fully vaccinated state residents to bypass COVID-19 testing and a 10-day quarantine when traveling interisland. This makes the Aloha State second only after New York to launch a [digital vaccine certificate program](#) in the United States—though Hawai'i is the first to apply the vaccine pass system to travel.

On May 7, Hawai'i Governor David Ige [signed an order](#) that gives island residents the option to upload their travel information and vaccination data to the [Safe Travels online platform](#). The order goes into effect on May 11. Since last year, Hawai'i residents and visitors have been required to provide negative COVID test results procured within 72 hours of departure in order to fly between the Hawai'ian Islands without having to quarantine.

While the new program is currently only available to state residents vaccinated in Hawai'i, it is expected to be expanded to out-of-state travelers sometime this summer, according to [local news agencies](#). For now, travelers from the mainland are still required to submit a negative COVID-19 test taken no more than three days prior to flying to Hawai'i in order to bypass the otherwise mandatory 10-day quarantine.



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U.S. citizens are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after receiving their second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or two weeks after a single dose of Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The move is great news for the 39 percent of Hawai'i's population who are now fully vaccinated, according to [Johns Hopkins](#). Fifty-eight percent of the state has received at least one vaccine dose.

Here's what Hawaii residents need to qualify for the new vaccine passport program:

- **A CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card** issued in the State of Hawai'i with resident's name, birthdate, type of vaccine, date(s) vaccine was administered, and lot number(s) for each of the vaccine doses.
- **An online account with the State of Hawai'i's Safe Travels Hawai'i web platform.** Once the account is created users can enter their intercounty trip information.
- **Fill out the required Safe Travels Hawai'i forms online and upload an image of the vaccination card to the digital platform.** Hawai'i residents will receive a vaccination card and/or be able to track their vaccination digitally via the state's Vaccine Administration Management System (VAMS). At this time, the vaccine passport program will only allow intercounty travelers to upload an image of their vaccine card or a VAMS printout if it is linked to a specific trip.
- **Bring the original CDC Vaccination Record Card or VAMS printout with you when you travel** to show airport and security personnel as needed. Laminated cards are accepted.

Upon their arrival on another island, fully vaccinated state residents will be required to show their Safe Travels QR code, which was provided after they registered with the program online. The submitted vaccination information is cross checked with the Department of Health's database and others administering the program.

All counties in Hawai'i are participating in the vaccine pass program except Honolulu County, which does not require interisland travelers take a COVID test or quarantine.

Hawai'i residents who are not fully vaccinated when they take an interisland flight, as well as all other nonresident travelers in Hawai'i, will need to comply with the pretravel testing and/or mandatory quarantine requirements laid out by each individual county: [Kauai](#), [Maui](#) and the [County of Hawai'i](#).

If this new phase in Hawai'i's Safe Travels program is successful, there is hope that the vaccine passport program will allow a further reopening of the state's tourism industry as it expands to travelers from the U.S. mainland and other countries. An increase in tourism would be a big benefit to local businesses in Hawai'i, which have been hit hard during the pandemic.